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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Mario P. LeFlore, 31, of Madison, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 77 months in prison without parole for unlawfully possessing two firearms as a convicted felon. LeFlore pleaded guilty to this charge on July 21, 2008.

On March 21, 2007, Madison Police Department officers were investigating a sexual assault and interviewed LeFlore as a suspect. Officers, who were in LeFlore's apartment, asked LeFlore if he was a convicted felon and if he had any guns. LeFlore admitted he was a convicted felon and he said he had two guns under a bed the officers were sitting on at the time.

LeFlore received a 40-year sentence in the sexual assault case in Dane County Circuit Court and Judge Crabb ordered that five years of LeFlore's sentence be served consecutive to that sentence. The charge against LeFlore was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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